



The 2022 Staff Prayer Handbook will be posted early 2022. If you don't receive it by February, please email [maf@maf.org.au](mailto:maf@maf.org.au), call 1800650169 or write to PO Box 7187 Baulkham Hills NSW 2153.

## **Week 1 Nov 28th: Arnhem Land**

- Simmonds Family (p.5) - Praise God the Mareeba Flight Training Centre Outback and Mission Safari went well. We had 6 students (and instructor) fly to Nhulunbuy as part of their course.
  - Please pray for the students who are considering joining MAF as they begin partnership development and Bible College before heading to the field.
  - We give thanks the Douglas family have arrived in Arnhem Land Program. Phil will be our facilities maintenance manager. His first job is going to be ensuring our properties are ready for the cyclone season.
  - Please pray for Mark as he has begun training for his new role as International Safety Manager for MAF across Africa, Asia and the Pacific. Due to our global operations, this means meetings with others all around the world, balancing time zones is not easy with some meetings starting at 5:30 am to others finishing at 12midnight.
  - Please pray for the family as we begin to plan the move to Cairns, packing up and cleaning house, and saying our goodbyes.

## **Week 2 Dec 5th: Papua New Guinea**

- Higlett (p.13) - Please continue to pray for our pilots and flight operations team as they schedule flights and respond to urgent needs. Keep our passengers safe so they do not carry the virus into the remote communities. Pray for protection of Health Workers who are providing testing and vaccinations—some have been attacked because of misinformation and lack of effective communication by the authorities.

## **Week 3 Dec 12th: Mareeba**

- Job Family (p.15) - Praise God that the new MAF hangars at Mareeba airport are almost ready to be used!! Pray that the relocation of engineering and administration would go smoothly in coming weeks. Praise God for another exam passed for Jason. Please pray for him as he studies in order to complete another one soon.

## **Week 4 Dec 19th: Timor-Leste**

- Simmonds Family (p.5) - Please continue to pray for a new country director in Timor-Leste. The flights in Timor-Leste have been a huge blessing to the whole country. MAF is the only aeromedical service and with widespread COVID-19 this support is critical to isolated people.
  - We have many challenges but in the last couple of weeks, Mark has been busy with getting permission from the Northern Territory government to allow us to have our plane serviced in Darwin. There have been countless meetings and submissions but thankfully it was granted. Previously we would have sent engineers to Timor-Leste but with the strict border controls, this is not possible.
  - In the last 6 months, we have completed more than 150 medical evacuations. Please pray for the team as the Chief Pilot visit to complete flight checks and training with the pilots.
  - We give thanks that Ping (pilot) was appointed as Operations Manager in Timor-Leste. Ping loves the Lord and is larger than life and brings energy to the team. Pray for him as he has the role of operations manager and pilot. Please pray for Ping and Mark as they work closely to ensure safe operations as we move into the wet season (always a difficult time to fly in Timor-Leste).
  - We give thanks to Nick (also a pilot) has taken on the role of local Safety Officer in Timor-Leste.
- The rainy season will soon be beginning in Timor-Leste. In April this year the country suffered the worst flooding in 40 years. Pray for the country and our team.

## **Week 5 Dec 26th: MAF Australia**

- We give thanks for His provision and protection for all our staff this year.
- Praise God for all of you, our prayer warriors.
- Please pray for MAF Australia as we begin 2022 with a hope that the new year will be the best one yet.

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## A Little Note

Thank you for praying for the work of MAF this year and also for our individual staff members serving in the isolated areas of the world, for the personal things they have gone through and shared, as well as for their specific work in program.

Thank you also for praying for all the MAF Australia staff here in our Sydney office. This year we have experienced months of lockdown, months of working from home, restrictions impacting how we could interact with churches, schools, air shows etc. Despite all this however, we have seen God's favour upon this ministry and we never underestimate the part that you and all the other MAF Australia prayer warriors play in this ministry with your constant prayers.

Thank you also for praying for me and my family personally. I am always encouraged to receive your emails responding to this monthly prayer letter.

In January I wrote, "I feel that the whole world, more than ever, is looking to this new year with a great and expectant hope that things will be better than 2020. Only time will tell what this year will bring us, because as we all know, if 2020 has taught us anything, it is that our plans and expectations for the year ahead may not always come to pass."

Now as we approach the end, time *has* told what this year did bring us, and it was another year of interrupted plans, uncertain hours, days, months, disruption in relationships and communities, sickness, sadness, despair.

But despite all this, just as I wrote this time last year, as we come to the close of what has been another truly extraordinary year for the planet, I pray that joy and peace will be your portion. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7.

A joyful heart is good medicine, and the best gift we can give our families this Christmas time. Merry Christmas on behalf of all of us at MAF Australia,

Blessings,



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